



## Texas Crop Progress and Condition

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**Weekly Summary for August 17-August 23**

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Most of the state reported from trace amounts up to 3.0 inches of rain during the past week. Producers in the Gulf Coast and East Texas were tracking tropical storms Marco and Laura as they brewed in the Gulf. There were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork.

**Row Crops:** Corn harvest was completed in most of the state while harvest continued to progress in areas of the Northern High Plains and South Central Texas. Corn producers in the Blacklands had begun to plow fields for next year. Cotton harvest continued in the Coastal Bend and the Upper Coast, and was underway in areas of South Central Texas and South Texas. Dryland cotton showed signs of drought stress in areas of the Blacklands, South East Texas, and the Southern High Plains. In some areas of the Low Plains, drought conditions led to some cotton crop failures. Farmers in the Lower Valley continued to evaluate the damage from Hurricane Hanna last month, and some producers are reporting total crop losses. Sorghum harvest was underway in areas of the Blacklands and the Edwards Plateau, meanwhile other areas of the state will begin soon. Rice and soybean harvest continued in areas of the Upper Coast. Peanuts continued to improve in areas of the Southern High Plains and South Texas.

**Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops:** Pecan orchards continued to progress where irrigation occurred in areas of the Southern High Plains and South Texas. Pecan producers in areas of the Cross Timbers assessed orchard damage caused by extreme winds. Meanwhile, pecan trees in South Central Texas had begun losing fruit due to dry conditions. Melon harvest continued in areas of South Texas and North East Texas.

**Livestock, Range and Pasture:** Supplemental feeding continued in the Northern High Plains, South Central Texas and South Texas due to dry conditions. Stock ponds levels in the Blacklands have dropped markedly. Feral hogs continued to be a problem for areas of East Texas. Pasture and range condition were mostly rated fair to poor.

### Crop Progress

Stage	Percent of Acreage			
	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
Corn				
Dough	90	88	93	93
Dented	80	75	84	77
Mature	60	55	50	57
Harvested	50	29	40	48
Cotton				
Setting Bolls	86	77	84	85
Bolls Opening	27	19	33	20
Peanuts				
Pegging	90	85	86	94
Mature	7	0	3	3
Rice				
Harvested	71	55	47	64
Sorghum				
Headed	95	91	91	91
Coloring	81	75	83	79
Mature	70	68	72	69
Harvested	65	55	65	55
Soybeans				
Setting Pods	81	80	76	81
Dropping Leaves	36	30	34	37
Harvested	10	(NA)	19	8
Sunflowers				
Harvested	44	41	45	39

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Condition

Crop	Percent of Acreage					Index <sup>1</sup>	
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	2020	2019
Corn	11	31	39	14	5	67	75
Cotton	6	23	34	18	19	53	64
Peanuts	1	62	21	12	4	73	86
Rice	13	73	14	0	0	88	80
Sorghum	13	32	33	14	8	67	83
Soybeans	9	49	39	2	1	78	66
Range and Pasture	1	13	33	33	20	42	49

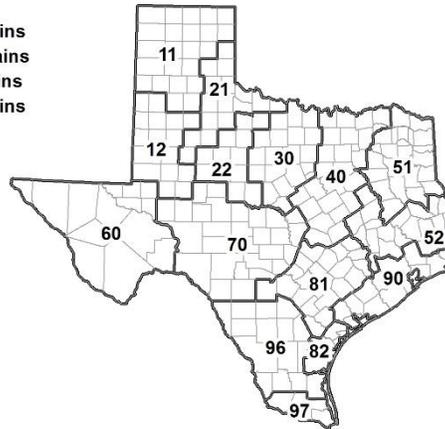
<sup>1</sup> The formula for the condition index is  $I = (5V + 25P + 60F + 90G + 110E)/100$  where I = crop condition index and V, P, F, G, E = percentage of crop rated very poor, poor, fair, good, excellent.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable by District

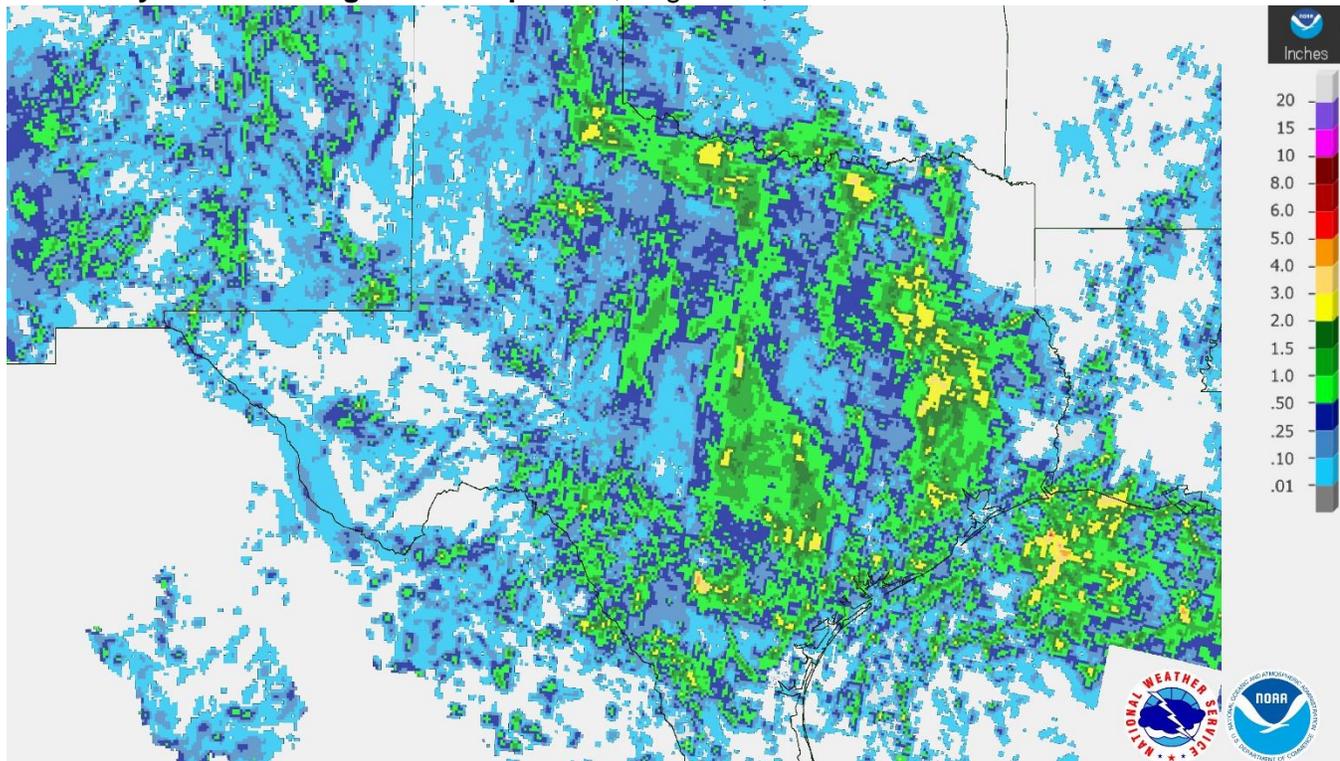
District	Topsoil Moisture Condition by District				Subsoil Moisture Condition by District				Days Suitable for Fieldwork
	Percentage of Acreage				Percentage of Acreage				
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
11	27	36	16	21	42	40	18	0	4.7
12	29	47	23	1	26	51	23	0	5.2
21	22	50	20	8	19	54	23	4	6.2
22	60	26	13	1	49	35	15	1	6.8
30	39	51	9	1	27	62	11	0	6.1
40	43	46	11	0	41	44	15	0	6.8
51	25	41	33	1	28	47	21	4	7.0
52	14	54	28	4	14	56	26	4	6.8
60	10	56	34	0	9	58	32	1	6.7
70	55	40	5	0	46	48	6	0	6.9
81	25	47	28	0	23	47	30	0	6.2
82	13	29	58	0	8	33	59	0	6.2
90	3	31	64	2	2	29	67	2	6.3
96	41	43	16	0	41	41	18	0	5.2
97	5	28	37	30	0	18	52	30	5.4
State	31	41	22	6	31	44	23	2	5.9

### Texas Agricultural Districts

- 11 Northern High Plains
- 12 Southern High Plains
- 21 Northern Low Plains
- 22 Southern Low Plains
- 30 Cross Timbers
- 40 Blacklands
- 51 North East
- 52 South East
- 60 Trans-Pecos
- 70 Edwards Plateau
- 81 South Central
- 82 Coastal Bend
- 90 Upper Coast
- 96 South
- 97 Lower Valley

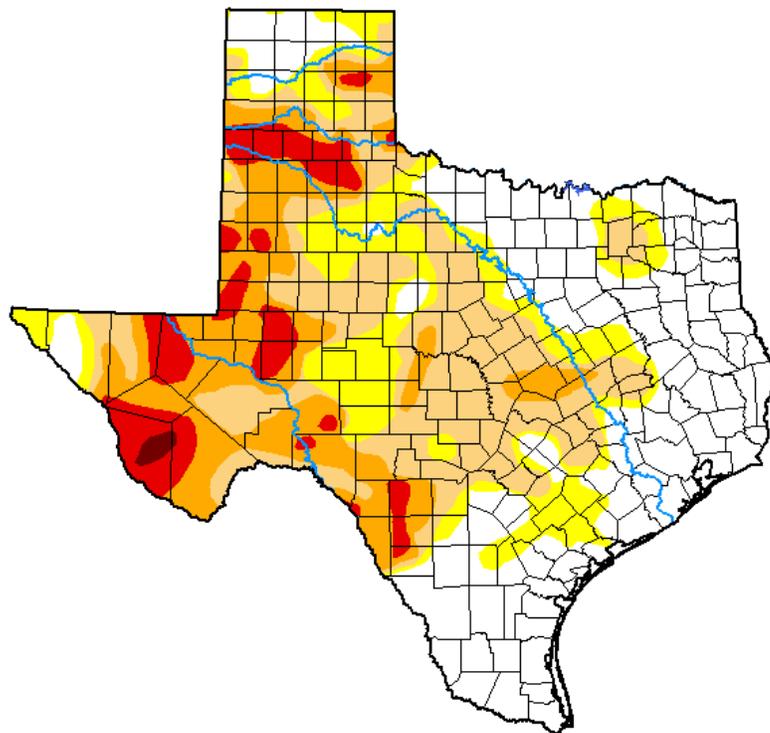


## Seven Day Observed Regional Precipitation, August 23, 2020.



Source: National Weather Service, [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

## Drought Monitor, Valid August 18, 2020.



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	36.20	63.80	47.63	23.91	7.81	0.33
<b>Last Week</b> 08-11-2020	34.17	65.83	39.93	17.68	4.88	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 05-19-2020	62.26	37.74	10.73	2.87	0.34	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 12-31-2019	44.69	55.31	36.12	9.19	0.74	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 10-01-2019	31.74	68.26	46.05	22.33	6.32	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 08-20-2019	27.48	72.52	32.00	6.75	0.56	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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